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### What's Revised?

#### Policy

- SDM Policies and Forms:

As staff may be aware, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) has been working with the National Council on Crime and Delinquency - Children's Research Center (CRC) to update the Structured Decision Making® (SDM) risk assessment, reassessment, reunification, and safety assessment tools utilized by CP&P staff to support decision making in the field.

As part of the process, DCF and CRC solicited input from DCF staff by way of survey and the development of workgroups to learn about CP&P's use of the tools in the day-to-day work with children and families. This input was an invaluable part of determining how to strengthen assessment practices with the goal of improving outcomes for children and families. To that end, DCF is pleased to announce the release of the revisions to the SDM tools for use by CP&P staff.

The following have been revised:

- [CP&P-III-B-6-600](#), Structured Decision Making (SDM)
- [CP&P-IV-A-2-300](#), Safety Protection Plan
- [CP&P-III-C-3-100](#), Minimum Visitation Requirement (MVR)
- [CP&P-IV-A-2-200](#), Safety Assessment in Resource Family Homes
- [CP&P 22-22](#), Safety Assessment
- [CP&P 22-23](#), Family Risk Assessment
- [CP&P 22-26](#), Family Risk Reassessment (In-Home Cases)
- [CP&P 22-27](#), CP&P Family Reunification Assessment

### What's Obsolete?

#### Forms

- CP&P 25-59, **Residential Placement Agreement and/or Acknowledgement Between the State of New Jersey Division of**

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